



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-17 WAC General Reporting rules, Audit and Recordkeeping, Rates and Rating System for Workers Compensation Insurance and Chapter 296-17A WAC Classifications

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:
RCW 51.06.035 and RCW 51.06.100

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
Labor and Industries is required by law to establish and maintain a workers compensation classification plan that classifies all occupations or industries within the state and sets basic rates of premium for these classifications that are distributed fairly (RCW 51.16.035). The department determined that certain rules may be in need of revision and will be reviewed and/or studied.

Changes may be made to reporting rule 296-17 WAC
WAC 296-17-870 Evaluation of Actual Losses - include reserve amounts for Permanent Partial Disability & Vocational Option 2 claims

Changes may be made to various classifications in 296-17A WAC listed below:
WAC 296-17A-0101-41 Logging machine operators
WAC 296-17A-3902 Food Manufacturing
WAC 296-17A-4002 Dairy products Mfg
WAC 296-17A-4805-08 Farms shellfish
WAC 296-17A-4910 Property Management
WAC 296-17A-5005 Logging -
WAC 296-17A-5307 State Government
WAC 296-17A-6103 Schools
WAC 296-17A-6303 Outside Sales
WAC 296-17A-5301 Professional Service Organizations
WAC 296-17A-1101 Driver
WAC 296-17A-6306 Stores furniture

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
No other state, local or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
 Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study
 Other (describe)
Labor and Industries will solicit input from stakeholders by way of direct mailings, the internet, and/or informal public meetings. Labor and Industries will use this input to formulate proposed changes to the existing rules and advise customers of future rule making by direct mailing and/or the internet.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
Labor and Industries will mail letters with ideas on possible rule changes to affected stakeholders. Stakeholders will be encouraged to participate in the process and can obtain information on our process at the Employer Services website (www.lni.wa.gov/insuranceservices/employerservices) and can submit comments electronically to moom235@lni.wa.gov or by calling (360) 902-4774 or by fax at (360) 902-4729.

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